Assessment & Accountability Monthly Webinar
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ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Will you please explain the screen shot again? Alex & Batana will leave when the test is over?

Heidi Arrate: For districts/schools that have purchased the curricular materials from Istation – the test concludes and moves directly into the intervention application for students. When this happens, it was not obvious to proctors to know when students should stop their test. When a test concludes, Alex Treebeak and Batana White will no longer be on the screen. This is a signal to proctors/teachers students are no longer testing and have moved into activities. For schools and districts that have not purchased the curriculum – you will continue to see the sunset.

How often should certification WIDA be completed?

Melanie Jones: We're on an every other year cycle. Currently the EL program also reinforces. So this year, we're on the ACCESS testing certification cycle. Next year, we'll be on the screener testing cycle for test administrators, and then it will flip-flop from there.

Is there a way to designate all SAT School Day testers for tests with essays for the entire district?

Melanie Jones: That's a great question. I don't think that was entirely the vision of it because some students may not want to do that, but if they do, we'll have to check in with College Board and see if it is possible. Again some of this was in response to having it as an option, so I think the goal in the scripts and that the guidance will be to present to students as an option and really getting those students in there that want to take that. But I will follow up with you, to find out if there is a way for all students to be registered.

Will the Chromebook app continue to update itself or does it require a manual update?

Nancy Thomas Price: The school can choose what the settings are. But I would have it set to do it manually, we (SDE) don't have anything to do with that, but what I would do is not let any update happen once the window opens.

Karlynn Laraway: Work with your technology staff to find out what your settings are in your environment. Some school districts let Chromebooks that are open update on their own. But as Nancy said, but we would definitely encourage not updating your

Chromebooks during the test window.

When was the new ISAT browser released?

Nancy Thomas Price: It was released in August of this year.

Karlynn Laraway: Emily, just to clarify we released typically in August but we don't require you to update that until the end of November, so November 30th is the day that everyone will be required to have the new browser installed it's helpful to have that installed before you do interim assessments and many of our schools and districts are administering the interim assessments so we recommend it for that but if you haven't done that yet please do so before November 30th.